

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
IN SPECIAL SESSION
July 17, 2012**

A special session of the Winchester Common Council was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Rouss City Hall. President Jeffrey Buettner called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: President Jeff Buettner; Councilor Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi, Les Veach and Ben Weber; Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-President John Willingham (9)

ABSENT: None (0)

PUBLIC HEARING

R-2012-38: Resolution – Endorsement of the proposal to modify the “Limited Access Line” on Jubal Early Drive between Millwood Avenue and Pleasant Valley Road as necessary to construct proposed improvements (Resolution approved June 12, 2012)

Robina Rich Bouffault, a resident of Boyce, Virginia, and an owner of a commercial building in downtown Winchester, spoke in opposition to the resolution. She requested a Comprehensive Traffic Impact Analysis be done to determine the true negative impact on the proposed modifications.

No citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Vice-President Willingham moved to add the following motion to the agenda: MOTION TO HAVE ITEMS R-2012-52 & 53 AND THE MOTION ON THE DRIVEWAY SPACING EXCEPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE MILLWOOD AVENUE PROJECT PLACED ON THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 AGENDA OF COMMON COUNCIL FOR FORMAL CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL ALONG WITH ITEMS O-2012-23 & 24. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Tagnesi then approved 8/0/1 with Councilor Veach abstaining.*

The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice-President Willingham moved to add the following appointments to the agenda: Motion to appoint Peter Serafin and Kevin Walker as members of the Board of Architectural Review. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

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AGENDA

O-2012-23: First Reading – AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY FROM SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY AND VDOT; AND TO VACATE AND CONVEY PROPERTY TO SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY, J.L. MEAGLE AND T.L. LIVERMAN, LLC; AND FLC & BROTHERS REBEL, INC., AND FLC & BROTHERS MOTEL, INC., IN FURTHERANCE OF THE MILLWOOD AVENUE PROJECT **SV-12-302**

CU-12-95: Conditional Use Permit – Request of the Economic Development Authority for a conditional use permit for a neighborhood convenience establishment at 443 North Loudoun Street (*Map Number 173-01-I-25*) zoned High Density Residential (HR) District with Historic Winchester (HW) District overlay. (Public Hearing closed and Decision tabled on June 12, 2012)

Sue Ellen Knowles of 28 Peyton Street spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit. Ms. Knowles suggested considering other options for this property. She expressed her concerns with flammable items being stored near the gas line that runs down the alley and safety issues for the adjacent neighbors.

Beck Halsted of 442 North Braddock Street spoke in opposition of the conditional use permit. He asked Council to consider the size of the alley. He asked if there is a proposal to widen the alley to allow for larger vehicles such as pick-up trucks with trailers.

Mary Gage of 443 North Braddock Street spoke in opposition to the conditional use permit. Ms. Gage presented pictures showing the small roads around the alleyway and the spacing concerns for vehicles and the potential additional traffic.

Richard Bell of 118 Peyton Street spoke in favor of the conditional use permit. As the applicant, his goal is to remove the previous use of the property and renovate it into a single family home. He would take into consideration and address any concerns that develop from the storage use of the facility or the house. He would need the approval of the conditional use permit to move forward with the project.

No further citizens came forward to address Council concerning this issue and the President declared the public hearing closed at 6:24 p.m.

Vice-President Willingham moved to approve CU-12-95. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then defeated 3/6 with President Buettner, Mayor Minor, Vice-Mayor McInturff and Councilors Clark, Tagnesi and Veach voting in the negative.*

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Willingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. *The motion was seconded then unanimously approved by voice-vote.*

Kari J. Van Diest
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council